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**From:** Turkewitz, Julie  
**Sent:** Thur 8/13/2015 10:31:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: RELEASE: EPA Statement on Colorado data from Gold King Mine Release

Totally fine. Thanks.

On Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 4:30 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry, I don't know when the data was posted to the website. All I had was the email I sent you announcing the release.

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Got it. So this info was released Wednesday at midnight?

On Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 3:35 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Julie:

The release was dated yesterday but, like yours, mine is date-stamped shortly after midnight.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **EPA Statement on Colorado data from Gold King Mine Release**

**DURANGO, Colo.** – To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, water quality samples were collected at numerous intervals beginning on

Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in Colorado to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

To view the surface water summary table:

[http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/q\\_surfacewatersummarytable\\_08-12-15\\_0900.xlsx](http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/q_surfacewatersummarytable_08-12-15_0900.xlsx)

For additional information on the response to the Gold King Mine release

[www.epa.gov/goldkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine)

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